GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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LOANS TO WEAVERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided low interest loan facilities to weavers of the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of loan amount provided to weavers during each of the last three years and thereafter, State-wise;

(d) whether the targeted beneficiaries are facing difficulties in availing these: loans;

(e) if so, whether any complaints regarding discrimination in providing loan to weavers have also been received by the Government during the said peiiod;

(f) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c): Working capital and term loans outstanding of Cooperative Banks and RRBs against handloom weavers and Primary Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies s(state-wise) are given in Annexure I & II respectively.

(d) to (f): Handloom Cooperative Society suffer from two problems in accessing credits. Firstly, the cost of credit is on the higher side. Secondly, credit to handloom cooperatives have been chalked because of debt overhead. Availability of adequate` credit flow is critical for the survival of handloom sector. Consequently, a draft Committee on Non-Plan Expenditure (CNE) note has been prepared, which is under consideration of the Government.